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International application No. PCT/KR 2003/002054	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 6 October 2003 (06.10.2003)	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>)
Applicant LG ELECTRONICS INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.: 3

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ None of the figures.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A reciprocating compressor includes a driving unit (16) having an outer stator (26) and an inner stator (28) disposed at a predetermined air gap there between, and a moving member positioned between the outer stator (26) and the inner stator (28) and linearly and reciprocally moved; a compression unit (18) having a cylinder (38) fixed at an inner circumferential surface of the inner stator (28) and a piston (22) linearly moved in the cylinder (38) by being connected to the moving member; a support portion (20) supporting the compression unit (18) and the driving unit (16), and a resonant spring unit positioned (24) at a rear portion of the driving unit (16), disposed at the support portion (20), and inducing a resonant movement of the piston (22). Therefore, a resonant spring (62,64) of the compressor can be moved horizontally and straight forwardly by reducing a torsion moment of the resonant spring (62,64), a width of the compressor can be reduced, and a concentricity of a driving unit (16) and a compression unit can be maintained.

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CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁷: F04B 35/04; F04B 17/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC⁷: F04B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WPI, EPODOC

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2001/0043870 A1 (SONG) 22 November 2001 (22.11.2001) <i>fig. 4-6.</i>	1,3
A	[Par. 0026] - [Par. 0039].	2, 4-16
X	US 2003/0099559A1 (OH et al.) 29 May 2003 (29.05.2003) <i>fig. 4-9.</i>	1,3
X	US 2003/0086796 A1 (PARK et al.) 8 May 2003 (08.05.2003) <i>fig. 4, [Par.0055] - [Par. 0080].</i>	1,3,4

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

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